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SUBJECT: CRIB REPORTING; CLARK'S ETA

FOR CLARK USGS/ORA FROM SWEETWOOD

REF: A) JOHANNESBURG 0066 B) STATE 024525

1. WE CONTINUE TO PREFER LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL CLARK VISIT IF POSSIBLE (REF A). FEBRUARY 15-19 SUGGESTION (REF B) MAY BE NEARLY AS RESTRICTIVE HERE AS THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED MARCH 1 ARRIVAL. WHILE MID-FEBRUARY PERIOD WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH MOVEMENT OF CONSULATE OFFICE, CLARK'S LENGTH OF STAY REGRETTABLY WOULD APPEAR TO BE LIMITED TO ONLY A FEW USEFUL DAYS AT THAT TIME. WE WOULD ACCOMPLISH IN-HOUSE WORK DURING THAT PERIOD (FEB 16 IS USG HOLIDAY), BUT ARE OF VIEW THAT TIME MAY NOT PERMIT ADEQUATE MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE SAG OFFICIALS AS WELL. ALSO, SCHEDULING FOR THE SAG MEETINGS WOULD NOW BE ON SHORT-FUSE BASIS.

2. DIRK NEETHLING, CHIEF, MINERALS BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF MINES HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO DISCUSS CRIB PROGRAM IN DEPTH WITH CLARK (VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICAN MINERALS RESOURCES COMPUTER BANK PROGRAM -- AND COOPERATION WITH USGS) AND HE HOPES, ALSO, TO ARRANGE OTHER USEFUL SAG MEETINGS FOR CLARK DURING HIS VISIT. WE FEEL CONTACTS (JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA)
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WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO FUTURE TRADE OF MINERAL

DATA AND URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT SUFFICIENT TIME BE ALLOWED FOR THESE PURPOSES (E.G. NE FULL WORKING WEEK).

3. IF MODIFICATION OF VISIT TO LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL NOT FEASIBLE, HOWEVERN PLEASE ADVISE ASAP SO THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO ADJUST TO BEST POSSIBLE PROGRAM UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.
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